



- **Enclosures** (not all available through the website):

**The following items are enclosed:**

- Event Calendar 2009 (State Champs to be added)
  - Minutes of 2008 AGM
  - Minutes of December COM Meeting
  - Conference Evaluation
  - Satisfaction Survey results
  - Constitution: Adopted 16 November 2008
  - Updated Secretaries List
  - Secretaries' Manual: update pages
- AGM Agenda and book: Including Audited Report (for clubs not in attendance)
  - Confirmation of communication form.
  - Membership Details table

**PAST NEWS:** (Received in past Newsletters)

- **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE NOW OVERDUE: DEADLINE WAS OCTOBER 31 2008**  
Several Clubs are yet to renew: See the 'NEW INFORMATION' section.
- A **COACHING REQUEST:** If your Club is wanting coaching, in any discipline, fill out the Coaching Request form (previously forwarded) and return to the office. John McGlew (QCC Coordinator) will then organise coaching for your Club.
- **CLUB OFFICIALS UPDATE FORM: Please check!**  
Some Clubs have not sent this form back: you will be notified again in January if we don't have your club's management details
- **OFFICE HOURS: Now open 35 hours a week:**

Monday:	8.00 am – 1.00 pm	Tuesday:	8.00 am – 4.30 pm
Wednesday:	8.00 am – 4.30 pm	Thursday:	8.00 am – 4.00 pm
Friday:	8.00 am – 1.00 pm		
- **FORM 33 OR 33A:**  
A REMINDER: **It is a requirement of the Weapons Act** that any unlicensed person participating in shooting on a Club range signs a Form 33 or Form 33A prior to shooting. The Form 33 is recommended for the 'one off' casual shooter, whilst the Form 33A hastens the paperwork a little if the person is a regular visitor to the club (having done the Form 33 on his/her first visit). These forms must be **fully** completed.
- **QAPSA Sanctioned Shoots:**  
QAPSA sanctioned shoots are for QAPSA affiliates only.  
The reasons behind this are:
  1. Participants are fully aware of match rules and procedures and commands for the various events.
  2. Participants are fully aware of specifications for pistols and ammunition for the events.
  3. The events shot at a sanctioned open are registered to Pistol Australia, and therefore QAPSA Ltd.
  4. Correct Holster Accreditation is in place.
  5. All the Range Official expertise has come through PA – funded by affiliates: all updated on a regular basis via PA/QAPSA support
  6. Insurance requirements and policies are clear cut and in place.
  7. All range officers, referees, events, match rules and match procedures are Pistol Australia/QAPSA Ltd approved and registered.

The only variance to this is for Regional or International Games (eg Maryborough Masters Games, Pan Pacific Masters, Australian Shooting Games, North Qld Games etc). The Pistol Shooting section of these

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Games can be sanctioned by QAPSA, but the event will continue to be accessible to shooters from any Association. This is because the organising body for these events is an independent, outside organisation. If clubs want shooters from other associations to compete at their Open they have the option of conducting a non-sanctioned event.

**PLEASE BE AWARE: IF YOUR CLUB IS CONDUCTING A SANCTIONED OPEN SHOOT COMPETITORS MUST BE ABLE TO PROVIDE 3 THINGS FOR SIGHTING BY THE HOST CLUB:**

1. Queensland (or equivalent overseas or interstate) Concealable Licence.
2. QAPSA (or equivalent interstate PA pistol club) membership card.
3. Pistol Australia Holster Accreditation (if shooting PA holster events)

• **CLUB EVENTS:**

Club organisers conducting club events need to sight:

1. Qld Concealable Licence (or equivalent interstate or overseas licence) or Firearms Licence (if shooting rifle events) or Form 33 documentation & ID
2. If using a holster: the appropriate holster accreditation ie. for PA/QAPSA events, PA holster accreditation is required. If shooting SSAA holster events, SSAA Holster Accreditation is needed, and if shooting IPSC events, IPSC Holster accred is needed.

That is: holster accreditation is not transferable, nor recognised between organisations.

• **OPEN SHOOT RESULTS:**

**When forwarding Open Shoot results it would be appreciated if Clubs could list how many shooters participated in their event: Men, Women, and Junior.**

Part of QAPSA's return to SRQ each year must now show participation trends – with the hope that there will be an increase. If clubs can just add this info, as a note, with their results, it will help immensely (ie the Administrator won't have to count them!) Thank you to the clubs who have been doing this. This helps with continued funding for not only the Association, but our Sport in general.

• **HOLSTER ACCREDITATION:**

If your club members are shooting holster matches (ie a loaded pistol is being drawn from a holster), according to the events listed on your Range Approval, they must have holster accreditation specific to that event. Pistol Australia/QAPSA Ltd events requiring Pistol Australia Holster Accreditation (confirmed by a Pistol Australia Holster Proficiency Card) are: International 1920 Match (previously NRA Action Match) events, WA 1500 and Service Pistol.

If your members are shooting SSAA holster events they will need to have SSAA holster accreditation and IPSC events will need IPSC holster accreditation.

**None of these events can be shot according to the rules unless they have the specific holster accreditation related to that event.** This is a major requirement by any insurance company, and certainly is with our insurers. A local club holster accreditation is not possible as all pistol clubs have to be shooting events from a recognised association and its associated rule books, which would state the holster accreditation required.

Please don't risk a negligence claim by allowing your members to shoot holster events without the applicable holster accreditation for the events shot by them on your Club's ranges.

• **SHOOTERS REJOINING PISTOL CLUBS AFTER A 5 YEAR ABSENCE:**

It has been confirmed that:

1. These members are eligible to remain a member of the Club for those 5 years.
2. These members can shoot using the Form 33 or 33A.
3. These members can begin their 6 month period 6 months prior to the end of their 5 year absence, if they have maintained their membership of the pistol section of your club.

**PLEASE NOTE ONE CHANGE:** In the section (June QPN page 7) relating to members who have not maintained continuous membership, where it reads that these members are eligible to apply for a

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concealable licence the day after the 5 year anniversary of their concealable licence: **THIS SHOULD READ:** 'are eligible to apply for club membership the day after the 5 year anniversary etc ...."

- **RANGE APPROVAL UPDATES:**

Clubs are requested to send a copy of the Club's Approval of a Range and/or Approval of a Club if they have recently been renewed. Thank you to the clubs that are doing this as a matter of course. QAPSA Ltd needs a copy of these so we have your Club's events registered re insurance cover for your QAPSA members.

If these QAPSA members are also shooting events registered to other recognised shooting associations we need to have the names of these events and the rules and procedures they are being conducted under on file also. These members are then covered by your QAPSA/PA insurance whilst shooting these events, providing the appropriate holster accreditation is in place, if they are shooting holster events from these other associations.

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## NEW INFORMATION:

- **AGM CONFERENCE: NOVEMBER 15-16 2008**

Our Annual Conference was very successful, with much information gathered from many areas.

There was an increase in the number of clubs represented this year: 32 in all.

With the option of a second representative taken up by many clubs, 50 members in all took part. The Conference Evaluation is enclosed for your information, along with comments made.

Some sections of the conference did not receive their allotted time allowance, and therefore were slightly abbreviated. Management will note this for next year's conference.

A big thank you to all the club delegates, extra club representatives, Board members and presenters who took part. Your interest, support and input are much appreciated and very valuable to QAPSA Management.

QAPSA Ltd is very appreciative of the funding support given to our association by the Queensland Government and the Department of Sport and Recreation. Some of this funding goes towards the Annual Conference to allow delegates to attend from all over the state.

We are hopeful that these conferences will help clubs better and more easily manage their clubs as well as update them on the latest information out there re WLB, gaining grants, insurance, operating a range and the sport in general.

- **2009 EVENTS CALENDAR:**

The QAPSA Competition Calendar is enclosed, but please note: **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE NOT ENTERED.** These will be confirmed before the Office closes for the Christmas break.

- **SATISFACTION SURVEY:**

Results are enclosed: Thank you to the 9 clubs that responded – another two responses have been received since this print run, but responses seem consistent with those already registered.

- **AI SL Youth Nationals: Sydney International Shooting Centre**

A Queensland Team of seven juniors was funded to participate in the AISL Youth Nationals, at the Sydney International Shooting Centre on November 28-29-30. Six of these juniors were fully funded by QAPSA, with one funded by AISL. Team Manager, Michele Sandstrom took the following juniors to Sydney: Alfio and Julian Casagrande (City of Brisbane PC); Maddison Cuerton (Murrumba PC), Sissy Brindopke (Gold Coast PAA PC); Brendan Lane (City of Brisbane PC); Justin Woodward (City of Brisbane PC) and Jacob van der Merwe (Townsville PC).

All our juniors performed creditably; for some it was their first time at a major event.

- **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:  
PLEASE NOTE:**

**FROM NOVEMBER 1 2008 TO OCTOBER 31 2009 NEW MEMBERS WILL BE REGISTERED AS A QAPSA LTD AFFILIATED MEMBER WHEN A \$60.00 AFFILIATION FEE (NOW \$95.40) IS PAID FOR AN ADULT MEMBER AND \$30.00 (NOW \$47.40) FOR A JUNIOR MEMBER.**

This will apply to all new members being registered with QAPSA Ltd from Nov 1 2008 – 31 October 2009. Even if they have previously been a QAPSA member, but have let their affiliation expire, they will be classed as a 'new' member. This will not apply to members on your current capitation list who you may reaffiliate after October 31 this year.

Remember also, the 'free' month is now from 1 September – 30 September 2009. That is, if your Club affiliates a member in September and the Member Notification Form shows he/she joined your club in September 2009, there will be no pro-rata payment due. Previously this 'free' month was October, but now that we are ensuring all members are reaffiliated by October 31 this has to change.

We advise and recommend that your Club affiliates its members with QAPSA as soon as they join your club. This way all aspects of insurance are in place. If a member is not on our database they are not registered with us as an insured person under all our policies. It is part of the Club's duty of care to ensure that they have all affiliation requirements in place promptly if they want their members covered under our policies (Public Liability, Product Liability and Volunteer Liability).

**To summarise:**

- **CAPITATION FEES: NEW MEMBERS**

2008 – 2009	ADULT FULL YEAR	\$60.00	JUNIOR FULL YEAR	\$30.00
	ADULT PRORATA	\$30.00	JUNIOR PRORATA	\$15.00

**PRORATA BEGINS MAY 1**

**'FREE' MONTH: SEPTEMBER 2009**

- **ELIGIBILITY STATEMENTS:**

Please ensure that the date showing the joining date for a new member is later than the one shown on the new member's Eligibility Statement. **A person cannot join your club until they present the club with their Eligibility Statement.**

- **OPEN SHOTS 2009:**

We have a slightly different procedure in place for sanctioned events. Confirmed 03 December 2008.

**The process is:**

1. Club submits the **Notice of Intent and Sanction Application** to QAPSA Office.
2. QAPSA Office/Administrator checks that the date/s are available and Management approves the event.
3. QAPSA Office communicates with the club if the date is not available: a date is arrived at.
4. Administrator sends all Notices of Intent and Sanction Applications to QRC Coordinator.
5. QRC Coordinator allocates sanction numbers
6. QRC Coordinator advises QAPSA Office and the club of the sanction number.
7. Administrator forwards details to respective sites:
  - (a) Calendar sent to clubs and QRC Coordinator; and
  - (b) QPN Rolling Calendar; and
  - (c) QPN Open Shoot advertisement section; and
  - (d) QAPSA website; and
  - (e) First issue of the PA Bulletin for the year.

- **STATE CHAMPS:**

We have extended our deadline for submission of nominations to host a State Championship, in all disciplines. As stated at the AGM, no clubs met the deadline to allow confirmation of dates and venues at the AGM.

**Nominations will be received until December 16 2008.** QAPSA Board members will then be notified, for approval, and a vote taken if more than one club has nominated for a particular championship.

- **AFFILIATION CONFIRMATION:** WLB is now asking for confirmation of a Club's affiliation with an Association when renewing the Club's Shooting Club Approval. To date the Association has been providing a letter stating how many members of the club are registered with us, whether the club's Management Committee consists of members affiliated with us and confirms insurance details. To be included with this confirmation, from February next year, will be confirmation of your Club's registration with QAPSA, as a Full Organisation Member or a Partial Organisation Member. Refer to the QAPSA Constitution and the table provided to see where your club will fit. Clubs will be asked to sign a 'contract' confirming their membership status and will be asked to pay a membership fee of \$11.00 (\$10.00 + GST) per club. QAPSA will forward a certificate to confirm this status, which will be reviewed and renewed each year.
- **CLUB AFFILIATION RENEWAL 2008-09**  
Renewal of affiliation is now overdue; there are only a very few clubs who have not renewed, as yet. **Deadline was October 31 2008.**  
**QAPSA Office closes on December 22 and will not reopen until January 5. There will also be some office closures between January 12 and January 19.**  
**If you want your club members registered with us for the new year, affiliations need to be paid asap.**
- **VOLUNTEER AWARDS PROGRAM:**  
Don't forget to thank a club Volunteer by nominating them for our QAPSA Volunteer Awards Program. Next quarter's deadline is January 30 2009.

PISTOL SHOOTING QUEENSLAND (QAPSA LTD)  
MANAGEMENT  
WISHES ALL CLUBS AND THEIR MEMBERS  
A HAPPY AND SAFE CHRISTMAS  
AND A  
2009  
FULL OF  
GOOD SHOOTING AND NEW PARTICIPANTS IN OUR SPORT

Thank you for your support and input into our sport in 2008 –  
we look forward to working with you all again next year

**PISTOL SHOOTING QUEENSLAND (QAPSA LTD)**

**SUPPORTED BY:**



- **OFFICE CLOSURE; CHRISTMAS/ NEW YEAR PERIOD**

**QAPSA OFFICE WILL CLOSE ON MONDAY, 22 DECEMBER AND REOPEN ON MONDAY 5 JANUARY 2009.**

**THERE WILL BE SOME SHORTENED OFFICE HOURS BETWEEN MONDAY 5 JANUARY AND MONDAY 19 JANUARY ALSO.**

- *INFORMATION ON NEW PISTOL SHOOTING QUEENSLAND SHIRTS AND CAPS WILL BE IN THE DECEMBER QPN*